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ICE NAMES NEW DALLAS DEPUTY SPECIAL AGENT-IN-CHARGE *30-year law enforcement veteran Kenneth W. Cates returns to Dallas*

DALLAS—Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Michael A. Garcia today named Kenneth W. Cates as deputy special agent-in-charge of the Dallas investigations office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Cates previously served in El Paso as the ICE associate and deputy special agent-in-charge.

He also presently serves as the acting special agent-in-charge and will oversee all ICE investigation operations in the ICE Dallas area of operations.

In addition to Dallas, the SAC area includes Abilene; Amarillo; Lubbock; San Angelo; and Tyler, Texas; as well as Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla. It encompasses a total of 205 counties: 128 in north Texas, and the entire state of Oklahoma, which includes another 77 counties. SAC Dallas serves five Federal Judicial Districts, two in Texas and three in Oklahoma.

“I’m delighted to return home to the Metroplex,” said Cates. “In this post-9/11 environment, our work is more important than ever. Our Homeland Security mission plays a crucial role in keeping our communities in north Texas and Oklahoma safe as we partner with the other local, state and federal law enforcements agencies.”

Cates was born in Dallas and raised in Mesquite, where he attended North Mesquite High School. After serving as a U.S. Army military intelligence specialist, he graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas and later from the Senior Executive Fellows Program of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

During Cates' 30-year law enforcement career, he first served as a special agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He then transferred to the U.S. Customs Service, and he was posted as the assistant SAC in San Antonio and Dallas. He has also held senior managerial positions in San Juan, Puerto Rico; San Diego, and Seattle. Additionally, Cates served as the U.S. Customs regional SAC for the Office of Internal Affairs for the Southwest Border headquartered in El Paso.

Cates started his new position Monday in the new SAC Dallas offices in Las Colinas, just east of Dallas.

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